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DECLARATION BY APPLICANT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.132

I, LYNDA REESE, hereby declare the following:

- 1. I am an employee of the Law School Admission Council ("LSAC"), the assignee of the present application.
- 2. The article entitled Belov, D. and Armstrong, R.D., A Stochastic Search for Test Assembly, Item Pool Analysis, and Design, ("Stochastic Search") was first disclosed to members of the Law School Admission Council Test Development And Research Committee during a meeting conducted on March 26, 2004.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy (redacted) of the minutes from the meeting on March 26, 2004, at which I was present, where the Board of Trustees discussed and approved publishing Stochastic Search.
- 4. Stochastic Search was published on www.lsacnet.org in September of 2006 and remains accessible today via www.lsacnet.org. A true and accurate copy of the published Stochastic Search is attached as Exhibit B. The published version of Stochastic Search refers to "Research Report 04-01." This means that Stochastic Search was presented to the Law School Admission Council Test Development and Research Committee during the Committee's first meeting of 2004, which was conducted, as indicated above, on March 26, 2004.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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